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The Donigan Cotton Gin

World Headquarters for WEST Engineering Services Since 1999



The current exterior of the Donigan Cotton Gin.

The History of Donigan's Cotton Gin

H.P. Donigan built Donigan's Brookshire Gin in 1936. It was located and still stands one block south of Highway 90 by the present Market Basket store. It was operated by T.A. Trettin. Mr. Donigan bought an old gin from Mr. Trettin in 1936 and used the machinery and material from this gin in the Donigan's Brookshire Gin. The Trettin & Trettin Gin Co. had to be torn down as the new Highway 90 right-of-way went right through the property. Donigan's gin closed in 1948.*

**The above passage is quoted from the book "Cotton Gins of Waller County", based on information from H.P. Donigan.*



Exterior of the Cotton Gin and WEST sign.



The five original gin stands still remain.

Timeline of the Donigan Cotton Gin

- 1913 The Gin Stands (which still remain in the Donigan Cotton Gin) were built.
- 1928 The Brookshire-based Trettin and Trettin Gin Co. converted from steam power to electricity. Some of their equipment was sold to Donigan.
- 1936 H.P. Donigan, a third-generation ginner, rebuilt Donigan's Brookshire Gin. He purchased a Cotton Gin, dismantled it, and rebuilt it in Brookshire in its current location.
- 1948 The Cotton Gin was closed and utilized only as storage.
- 1977 Harris and Joann Garrett purchased the Donigan Cotton Gin.
- 1979 The building evolved into the renowned Cotton Gin Restaurant.
- 1998 Purchased by WEST Engineering Services.

The Cotton Gin Interior

WEST Engineering Services preserved the Donigan Cotton Gin Equipment when they transformed the building into their headquarters.



Memorabilia from the building's days as a restaurant.



Hallway view, with gin stands to the left.



Lint blew into this area and then pressed into 500 pound bails.



Interior decorations.



Hallway view.



Gin stands can be seen to the left.



Front entryway.



Bar area of the Cotton Gin.



The Seed House is 1,800 square feet with 14 foot ceilings.



The Seed House is now used for training/seminars.



View when exiting the building's front.



Not your typical office space.